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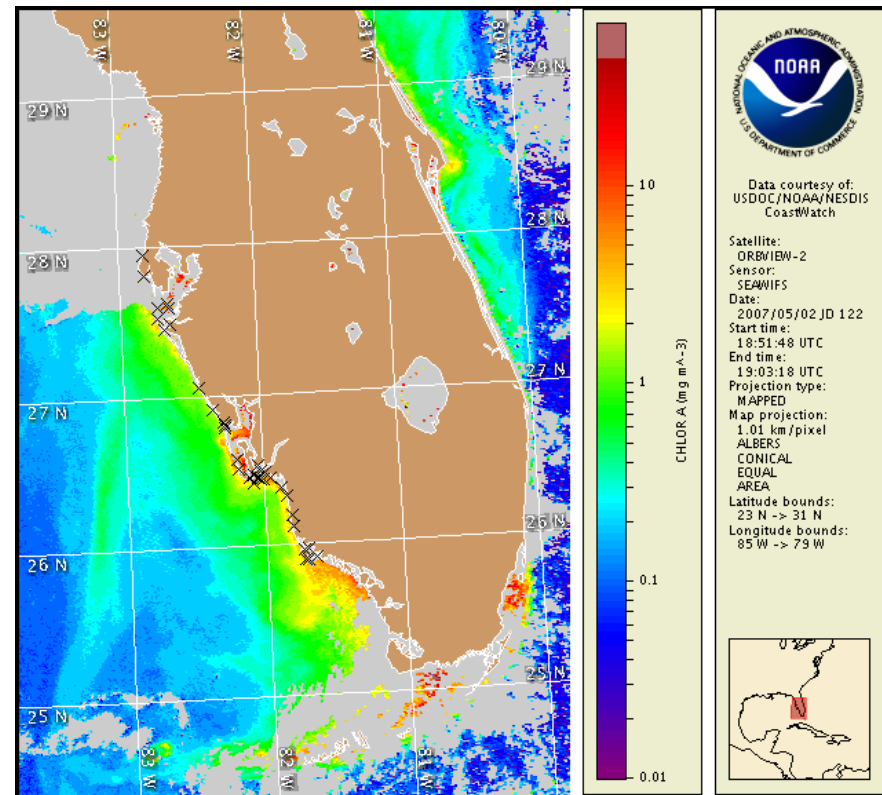
Conditions Report

There is no indication of harmful algal bloom presence alongshore of southwest Florida, including the Keys region, at the present time. No impacts are expected in any Florida county today through Sunday.

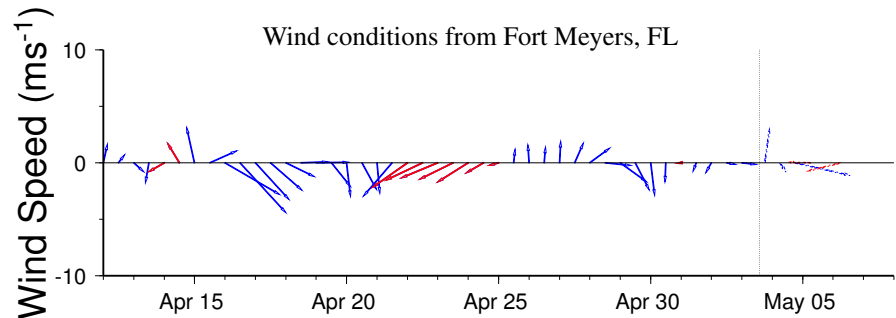
Analysis

No recent samples taken alongshore of southwest Florida or in the Lower Florida Keys have contained *Karenia brevis* above background levels (FWRI, MML). Satellite imagery from May 2 continues to show an elevated-chlorophyll feature south of Cape Romano, with chlorophyll concentrations greater than $3 \mu\text{g/L}$ around $25^{\circ}48\text{N}$ $81^{\circ}40\text{W}$. Sampling is recommended. Upwelling-favorable winds on Sunday could facilitate bloom formation. Negligible alongshore transport is expected in southwest Florida through Sunday due to variable winds.

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Satellite chlorophyll image with possible HAB areas shown by red polygon(s). Cell concentration sampling data from April 23-May 1 shown as red squares (high), red triangles (medium), red diamonds (low b), red circles (low a), orange circles (very low b), yellow circles (very low a), green circles (present), and black "X" (not present). For a list of cell count data providers and a key to the cell concentration categories, please see the HABFS bulletin guide: http://www.csc.noaa.gov/crs/habf/habfs_bulletin_guide.pdf

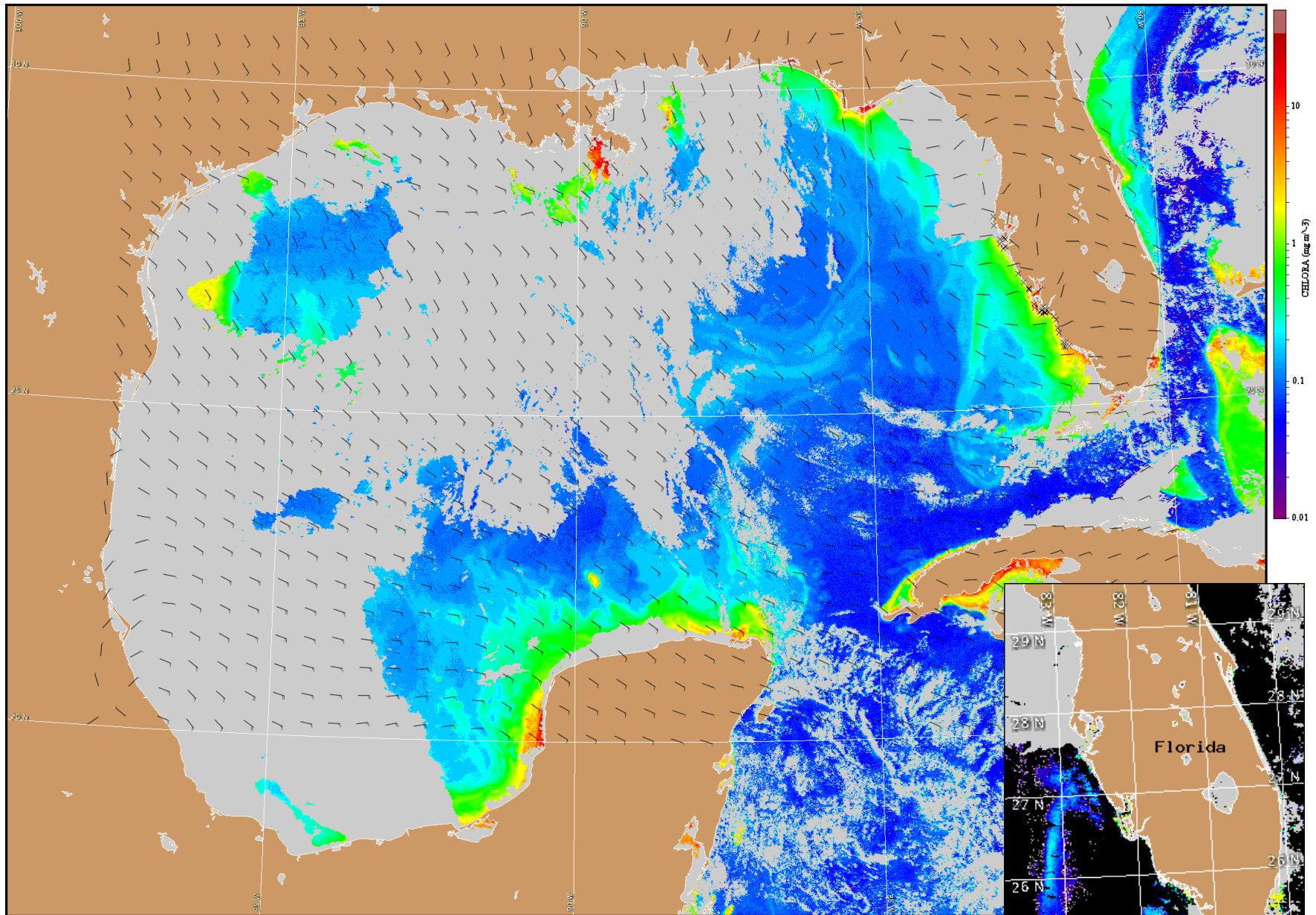


Wind speed and direction are averaged over 12 hours from buoy measurements. Length of line indicates speed; angle indicates direction. Red indicates that the wind direction favors upwelling near the coast. Values to the left of the dotted vertical line are measured values; values to the right are forecasts.

SW Florida: Winds will be east then west (10 kts, 5 m/s) in the afternoon today, variable (5 kts, 3 m/s) tomorrow, southeast (15 kts, 8 m/s) Saturday, east (15 kts, 8 m/s) Sunday.

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Satellite chlorophyll image and forecast winds for May 4, 2007 06Z with cell concentration sampling data from April 23-May 1 shown as red squares (high), red triangles (medium), red diamonds (low b), red circles (low a), orange circles (very low b), yellow circles (very low a), green circles (present), and black "X" (not present). For a list of cell count data providers and a key to the cell concentration categories, please see the HABFS bulletin guide: http://www.csc.noaa.gov/crs/habf/habfs_bulletin_guide.pdf

Verified HAB areas shown in red. Other bloom areas shown in yellow (see p. 1 analysis for interpretation).